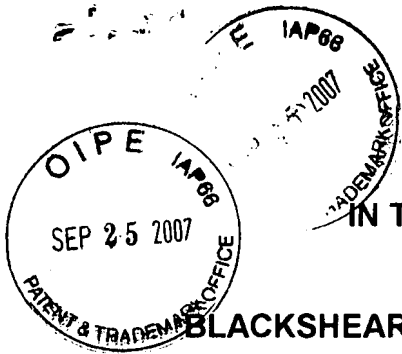


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SIR:

As a Supplemental Response to Examiner Robert D. Rines Office Action of August 8, 2006, enclosed is a Declaration together with a Letter Of Agreement indicating that William L. Blackshear, Jr., one of the inventors of the subject application, completed the invention and disclosed it to others in this country at least as early as July 8, 1999, more than one year before the filing date of Crutchfield Patent No. 6,699,193.